

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2018**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Skinner**

February 17, 2010

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An act relating to public social services.

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AB 2018, as introduced, Skinner. Food stamps: intercounty transfer study.

Existing law provides for the federal Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program, formerly the Food Stamp Program, under which food stamps are allocated to the state by the federal government and are distributed to eligible households by each county.

Existing law provides for the intercounty transfer (ICT) of benefits for recipients of CalWORKs, In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS), or Medi-Cal benefits that move from one county to another within the state, as prescribed.

This bill would require the department, in consultation and coordination with county welfare departments and consumer advocates, to conduct a study to, among other things, explore the annual cost savings that an ICT process for food stamp benefits that is consistent with the ICT process for CalWORKs, IHSS, and Medi-Cal may provide.

This bill would require the department to submit its findings to the Legislature by April 1, 2011, and would require the department to include recommended timelines, as specified.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1     SECTION 1. (a) The department, in consultation and  
2 coordination with county welfare departments and consumer  
3 advocates, shall conduct a study to explore all of the following:  
4     (1) The annual cost savings that an intercounty transfer (ICT)  
5 process for food stamp benefits that is consistent with the ICT  
6 process for CalWORKs, the In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS)  
7 program, and Medi-Cal may provide.  
8     (2) Any barriers that recipients of food stamp benefits experience  
9 that nonfood-stamp recipients of aid do not experience when their  
10 benefits are transferred using the ICT process.  
11     (3) Any impact that an ICT process for food stamp benefits  
12 would have on low-income recipients or prospective recipients of  
13 food stamp benefits.  
14     (b) The department shall submit its findings to the Legislature  
15 by April 1, 2011, and shall include recommended timelines for  
16 gradual electronic intercounty transfer of food stamp benefits both  
17 with and without the Statewide Automated Welfare System  
18 (SAWS) consortia for food stamp cases in California.